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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-53

Date: August 13, 2007

**IFS, Inc. Recalls Sandwiches Because of Possible Health Risk**

IFS, Inc. of South Elgin, IL is recalling 7,500 Sandwiches, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

This product reached consumers through vending machines and c-stores in IL, WI, MI, IN, OH, MO.

These products are in a plastic wrapper and contain the exp. 073007.

The items are Buffalo Chicken Sandwich PLU # 3707, Cuban Sandwich PLU # 3795, and Asiago Italian PLU #3770.

No illnesses have been reported as of 07/30/2007.

The recall is the result of a routine sampling program by IFS, Inc. which revealed that the finished products contained the bacteria. IFS, Inc. has ceased the production and distribution of the product as FDA and the IFS, Inc. continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

If you find any of this product, please contact the location you received it from, or contact IFS, Inc. directly. The contact information is as follows:

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740 Schneider Dr.  
South Elgin, IL 60177